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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above identified application is respectfully requested. Upon entry of this amendment, claims 1, 2, 6-26, 70-72, and 76-104 will be pending in the application.

In the Office Action, claims 27-30 and 43-45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103, as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,263,075 to McGann et. al. Claims 31-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,418,833 to Logan. Claim 70 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,970,118 to Sokolov. However, claims 1, 2, 6-26 and 72 are allowed. Claim 71 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected claim. Further, claims 37-42, 46-69 and 73-75 were subject to a restriction requirement, and were previously withdrawn from consideration.

In response to the Office action, and to expedite allowance of the application, claims 27-69 and 73-75 are being canceled, and claim 70 is amended to include the features of allowable claim 1, but remains written in method format. Dependent claim 71, as it is allowable, is being amended to be in independent format, incorporating the features of its independent claim 70, from which it depends.

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In addition, claims 76-104 are being added, with claims 78 and 81-104 depending from independent claim 70, claims 76, 77 and 79 depending from independent claim 71, and claim 80 depending from independent claim 72. These claims are believed to be allowable at least by their dependence on allowable claims.

It is believed that all the claims are now in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the number indicated below.

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